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To Whom It May Concern:

I am appalled to hear the news of the proposed settlement with Microsoft for their crimes against fair competitive practices and intellectual property violations. In particular the proposed distribution of Microsofts software to educational institutions seems like another catch by Microsoft to trick even more entities into using their inferior and insecure product.

I do agree that much help is needed by less fortunate educational institution but letting Microsoft extend it's marked will comparable only to "the first one is for free" policy of drug dealers. There are other and superior alternatives to MS products. Mac and Linux products to name just two of them. In my opinion Microsoft should indeed pay the propose 1 billion dollars in penalties, but the sum should not include any barter of their software.

I cannot help but notice that this evil corporations has a strong grip on our legislators and, what so sad, on our government. I am carefully watching the proceedings of this case and my future voting decisions, as well as those of many of my associates will largely depend on the resolution of People vs. Microsoft. Please not that by "people" I don't mean just the formula but real citizens - those citizens who do realize the extent of damage induced on the industry by the Redmont monster.

Respectfully,

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